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1. Biedermann & Czarnikow, Berlin-Treptow, Elsenstrasse 106/107, has been producing mortar parts for several months. In early December 1947 the firm received a large SIA order for the construction of sight mounts for medium and heavy mortars. The order must be filled within a short time, and the firm's 400 men are working at top speed on it.
2. During the war, Biedermann & Czarnikow specialized in mortar sight mounts and telescopic sights. Its chief technical manager was a leading light in the construction group of the Speer Ministry. The firm is owned by Kurt (a former regular army officer) and Walter Czarnikow. Both are in close touch with Soviet officers and engineers of the SIA and enjoy that organization's full confidence. The Czarnikows boast that they belong to one of the Soviet Union's most important armament plants in Germany.
3. A branch of Biedermann & Czarnikow is located in Berlin-Kreuzberg, Kreuzbergstrasse 7 (American Sector). The exact output of this branch is not known, but it is believed it may be producing single parts for the Treptow plant.

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